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We are having quite a bit of wet weather but hope to have a good week for the fair.

Mr. Flynn, our County Superintendent was in this section Monday.

Mr. Harry Coehran and Mr. Harper Barrett were visiting their aunt Mrs. Ida B. McComb here Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Ginger, who has been attending school at Montgomery has returned to her home here.

Miss Evaleigh Harper spent the week end with Miss Gwenevire Jordan at this place.

Miss Reta Moore who is employed at Charleston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey Loury, of Elkins, are visiting the former's father, Mr. J. C. Loury.

Miss Helen Barlow is visiting friends in New York at this writing.

Miss Madeline Barlow who is employed at Marlinton spent Sunday with home folks.

Miss Anna Price Sheets who has been nursing at Huntington has returned to her home here.

Mr. Blake Shrader, Miss Nellie Barlow and others motored to Elkins Sunday.

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## Huntersville Chatterbox

We are having some fine weather now and most of the farmers are through their fall work.

The circus here the 10th was grand, everyone present enjoyed themselves first rate.

We are glad that Mr. Wm. Gross is with us again after a long illness. He is getting along fine.

Mrs. Tom Holland, of Weston, is visiting her father here, A. B. McComb.

Mrs. Fred B. Moore has returned to her home here after spending some time in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Moore, are visiting in Charleston at this time.

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## CHURCH NOTES

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7:45 p. m. Epworth League  
Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

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## HUNTERSVILLE CIRCUIT

Mack Thomason, Pastor

11:00 a. m. Mt. Carmel

3:00 p. m. Mt. Groye

7:45 p. m. Minnehaha

Preaching at Brown's Mountain  
school house Saturday, September 10  
at 8 p. m.

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Sunday School attendance at the  
Methodist Church last Sunday, 238;  
at the Presbyterian Church, 137

Opton P Sharp	"	"	2 50
A N Thomas	"	"	12 00
G K Woods	"	"	8 00

Total..... \$2,559.69

### Huntersville Road Orders Out.

W J Pritchard supplies for road..	\$1 95
A J Dilley work on road.....	7 50
Hevener Dilley work on road.....	15 75
J C Harper lumber for road.....	8 00
Wm L Moore work on road.....	1 00
C A McLaughlin "	11 80
W A Dilley "	6 00
J D Dilley "	4 00
W J Ruckman "	8 41
L C Gum blacksmith work.....	1 50
H M Lockridge work on road.....	21 00
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S H Shrader "	4 80
E Alderman "	5 00
Moses Underwood lumber for road	2 00

Total..... \$111.74

### GREENBANK DISTRICT ROAD FUND.

1913 Levy on real estate.....	\$2652.79
1913 Levy on personal property	2120 59

# Bottom Falls Cut Huntersville Road

# Thaw Following Cold Snap Reveals That Road Lacked Base

Experimental roads, especially those put down without sufficient base do not pay, it was revealed here last week when the bottom "fell out" of the Huntersville road, following a thaw, which came right on the heels of a severe cold snap.

In an effort to give this county an all-year road, last summer the state road commission spent a considerable amount of money on Route 56, known locally as the Huntersville road. Several thousands of gallons of special road oil was soaked into a base, which was thought to be substantial. Immediately after the work was completed, and the oil had soaked in thoroughly, the road had all the appearance of a first-class macadam highway. Fall came, freezing weather and a few light thaws. Still the road was the same.

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## A LETTER FROM FLORIDA

From Blake Shrader to his Sister at  
Hillsboro, W. Va.

Dear Sister:

We left Hillsboro about 10:30, February 25, had a short stop at Huntersville. Found the roads across the Allegheny mountains terrible. We broke a top leaf of front spring on my Ford. That was an old leaf that I had taken off an old truck. Spring it was already cracked. And ran a nail in one casting just before we got to Roanoke, Va. That is all the trouble we had. Pretty good for a Ford isn't it.

Tell dad the engine never missed a tick and that we only used 5 pints of oil, outside of changing oil at Greensboro, North Carolina. We averaged 25 to 30 miles on a gallon of gasoline. Ask dad if his Jewett will beat that. Gas cost us anywhere from 16 to 25 cents.

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You sure see some fine roads, nice country on a trip like this. We saw some real orchards through Georgia and South Carolina. But North Carolina was the best looking state to my notion we came through. You don't see any fences in these states.

We only missed our route once and went off about 5 miles out of our way in Augusta, Georgia. We drove 27 hours steady driving all night Wednesday night. Got there about day break and had some trouble getting out. Then got to Macon, Georgia about noon Thursday. We were tired so Thomas and I decided to look around there till the next morning. We left about 8 o'clock and reached Blountstown, Fla., Friday about 8 o'clock.

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Thomas is going to work in the  
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will help a pipe fitter put water and  
baths in a hotel until I can get a job  
in the Ford garage. I want to go  
over my Ford before I start back and  
see if it needs anything in the way  
of repairs.

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want us to stay here. The people  
are nice and friendly. I'll show  
you very long down here I will ask  
you to send me some of my things  
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a few days. I have a cold and sore throat. I think the vaccination is taking on my arm, at least my arm is getting sore. Did yours and Noble's vaccination take and how did you get along motoring to school? Well the Sunday dinner is about ready so I will close. Time is an hour later here. Did you and mother get my letter and card? I'll have to write to my girl too. Write me soon  
Lovingly your brother, Blake.

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"HOLDING OUT" ON GOD—  
Ten cents a week, or the price of a soda, is enough for the Lord in the opinion of some of the families in a church in Montclair, New Jersey. There are other families who attend the church, and think it can get along without any financial help from them at all. The church budget, according to a pamphlet recently issued, is \$35,000. There are 100

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The first Presbyterian Church at Huntersville, was organized by Rev. Mitchell D. Dunlap in 1854. Among the first members were Hugh McLaughlin, Sr. James A. Price, George E. Craig. A house of worship was erected the same year on the 12th day of August 1854. William Gammon, Benjamin Herold and James T. Lockridge, on behalf of the Church contracted for erection of a Church for \$1,846.00.

The Methodist Episcopal Church (South) of Huntersville was organized in 1866 by Rev. P. S. E. Sixes. Before the division of the Church in 1844 into Northern and southern branches, the Methodists had an organization at this place but the Huntersville Church then belonged to what was known as the Levelton Circuit.

Mount Vernon Church, built in 1850 was the first ever erected on Knapps Creek. For its erection \$400 was raised by subscription and the remainder was paid by Andrew W. Moore, Moses Moore and Preston Moore. It was dedicated in June 1852 and the Rev. John McClure became its first pastor. During the war between the states called by some the Civil War, the soldiers made a barracks of the Church and at one time threatened to burn it but were prevailed upon to desist such an act of vandalism and today it stands as monument of the religious zeal and Christian enthusiasm of generations now passed away.

Among the first members were Leonard Heron, Jennie Heron,

George Rider, Harvey Curry, Mary A. Curry, Moses Moore, Isabella Moore, Preston Moore, Andrew Moore, Anna Moore and Elizabeth Lightner. George Rider was the first Class Leader.

Huntersville was the only town in the district at that time but in later years Frost has become a small town. Huntersville was laid out in 1821 and was the County Seat until it was moved to Marlinton after it had become a small town, by the vote of the people.

Huntersville is situated on the left bank of Knapps Creek six miles from its mouth. It is surrounded on all sides by lofty mountains and has, perhaps, more the appearance of an Alpine village than any other town in the State. Its elevation 1900 feet above seal level.

Moses Moore already mentioned as one of the first settlers located on Knapps Creek more than one hundred years ago,--at least one hundred and fifty years ago- as is attested by records. There was an old Indian trail or Valley Draft as it was once called, by which the Indians traveled when on their missions of blood to the settlements on Jacksons River and in the Shenandoah Valley.

This trail led near by where Moses Moore settled on the land once owned by his grandson Andrew W. Moore. As might have been expected, it was not long before he was carried into captivity <sup>by Indians</sup> but made his escape and returned to his mountain home. Twice more before the savages were stayed beyond the Ohio River he was carried a prisoner to their towns on the Ohio River.

After his return the last time he purchased all the lands lying on Knapps Creek up to Mount Vernon Church then standing on the farm of Andrew Herold and still standing on the same farm now owned by Richard Gibson. This tract included several thousand acres and as the records show, Moses Moore gave in exchange for it "Two steel traps and two pounds sterling money!"

*Rella G. Geager*

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THURSDAY, OCT. 19TH, 1893.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

**RAILROAD SCHEDULE.**—Trains arrive at Ronceverte as follows, Washington time: Eastbound—No. 4, at 5.47, a. m.; No. 14, at 4.03 p. m.; No. 2, at 8.27 p. m.; and No. 6, at 10.30 a. m. Westbound—No. 3, at 8.45 a. m.; No. 13, at 11.32 a. m.; No. 1, at 10.35 p. m.; and No. 5, at 5.03 p. m. Nos. 5 and 6 do not run on Sunday.

**WE have had several big frosts this week.**

**Huntersville, Pocahontas, Items.**

There were fine rains fell here Friday, accompanied by high winds Saturday, which blew down a good deal of the corn in the fields.

The party in pursuit of the men who robbed Mr. A. Dilley's house last week, returned Saturday and reported that they overtook four of the robbers near Davis City, in a laural patch. The robbers was ordered to surrender, which they refused to do, and opened fire on their pursuers, to no affect. The fire was returned, and two of the robbers wounded but they all made good their escape.

Mr. Wm. T. Logan and wife, of Randolph county, are visiting relatives and friends near here.

Betsey McLaughlin, who is 88 years old, is on a visit to her old homestead, J. W. Sharp's, near Edray.

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